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To the Maryland Commission on Capital Punishment:

My name is Carol Kinzer. I am a Quaker.

Based on the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," Quakers fundamentally oppose the death penalty. Our testimonies recognize the essential equality of all people, and the death penalty is contrary to this ideal.

We believe no human being has the right to take the life of another.

Annapolis Friends Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) calls on our representatives in the Maryland Senate and House of Delegates to enact legislation repealing the death penalty statutes. We further ask Governor Martin O'Malley to declare an immediate moratorium on executions in Maryland until such legislation is ratified.

Thank you.

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